



The meritorious Service award, inaugurated in 1959 by the Florida Public Health Association, is awarded to those who, in the opinion of the judges, have made an outstanding contribution to the health and well-being of Florida's citizens.

**The Florida
Public Health Association**



**2009 Meritorious
Service Award**

to

Lynne Drawdy

**August 6, 2009
PGA National Resort & Spa
Palm Beach Gardens, FL**



Lynn Drawdy

The Florida Public Health Association Meritorious Service Award is given annually to an FPHA member who has a record of outstanding contributions to FPHA in the field of public health for several years. Lynn Drawdy certainly exemplifies this description.

Lynne has been an active member of the Florida Public Health Association for 9+ years and has held the offices of Exhibits Chair, Strategic Planning Chair, member of the FPHA Special Grant Committee and worked on several other committees as needed. She acted as the facilitator in 2003 when the FPHA Executive Board updated an older strategic plan and has facilitated the annual updates of this plan every year since. During that time she has guided the Board in reviewing the plan yearly, developing the goals and objectives and working to see that each goal had a champion to see it through. Dealing with an all volunteer board is always a challenge and Lynne kept after everyone in a positive manner to keep the plan on track. The strategic plan and Lynne's grant writing skills played an instrumental part in FPHA being awarded an APHA grant to support marketing programs aimed at increasing membership. The FPHA Strategic Plan has also been used by and shared with other state public health associations as a model.

To take the organization to another level in meeting member needs, Lynne designed and administered an attendee satisfaction survey for the annual meetings that is used by the Board and Annual Meeting Committee in developing the program for the coming year. Additionally, as part of the Strategic Plan objective for membership satisfaction and growth, Lynne has developed and administered a member satisfaction survey, compiling the survey responses into a report that is presented to the Executive Board and the general membership. This report is used to make changes and improvements in the Association to meet member needs. The last few years Lynne has

surveyed non-renewing members to determine what additional things can be done to keep members.

Lynne has been an employee of the State of Florida over 30 years. She is currently with the Florida Department of Health (DOH) Office of Public Health Preparedness. Her major project in this department includes facilitating the development and implementation of a statewide public health and medical preparedness and response strategic plan and performance measures. In addition she acts as co-chair of the Florida Crisis Consortium, a statewide group of behavioral health experts who train together as strike teams to respond to catastrophic events. Lynne also serves as the DOH quality improvement liaison to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the statewide domestic security plan.

Lynne has been a key health and medical member to the State Working Group on Preparedness and currently chairs the Community Surge funding committee. In addition, Lynne is involved in the various Florida Department of Health agency-wide strategic planning initiatives, including the creation and usage of county health department scorecards.

Lynne is a Master Sterling Examiner for the Florida Sterling Board of Examiners. She has participated on, as well as led, several Governors' Sterling Award teams. She has also been a member of the Sterling Examination Committee and the Sterling Region 3 Performance Excellence Network.

Lynne's previous experience includes three years as the Quality Manager for the Seminole County Health Department, and Acting Administrator of the Health Department from September through December 2003.

Prior to that, she was a member of the Quality Management Team at the Orange County Health Department, and before that time, Lynne was the assistant to the HRS District 7 Administrator in Orlando for more than 20 years.

Despite a busy work schedule that often has her busy beyond the usual 8 – 5 work schedules, Lynne still finds time to support FPHA. Because of her support and work for FPHA, we are indeed pleased to recognize her with the FPHA Meritorious Service Award.